THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Keeping in view number of colleges imparting education and number of practitioners, it may not be possible to enact a Central Act for regulating education & practice. As interim measure, steps have been initiated to authorize the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy to work out modalities for regulation of Yoga and Naturopathy education and practice.

Introduction of Bill on CCIM

517. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Bill introduced to take control of the CCIM by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that some vested interests are trying to block the passage of this Bill;

(c) by when this Bill is likely to be taken up for discussion; and

(d) the reasons for introduction of this Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The Government has introduced a Bill to amend the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 to make enabling provision for taking prior permission of the Central Government for opening of new colleges, increase of admission capacity and starting of new or higher courses of study in Indian Systems of Medicine.

The Bill has been passed by the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 2002 and has been introduced in the Lok Sabha in this Session.

There has been some representation against the proposed Bill.

Guidelines of Human Rights Commission on NPP

†518. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the guidelines issued by the National Human Rights Commission with

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.